UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JEREMY G.,

Plaintiff,

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1:24-CV-506 (AJB/ML)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Hon. Anthony Brindisi, U.S. District Judge:

ORDER ON REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

On April 11, 2024, pro se plaintiff Jeremy G. ("plaintiff") filed this civil action seeking review of the final decision of defendant Commissioner of Social Security ("Commissioner") denying his application for Disability Insurance Benefits under the Social Security Act. Dkt. No. 1. Along with his complaint, plaintiff moved for leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP Application"). Dkt. No. 3.

The matter was initially assigned to Senior U.S. District Judge Glenn T. Suddaby, who referred the case to U.S. Magistrate Judge Miroslav Lovric for the issuance of a Report & Recommendation ("R&R"). See Dkt. No. 5. Thereafter, Judge Lovric granted plaintiff's IFP Application, Dkt. No. 7, the Commissioner filed a certified copy of the Administrative Record, Dkt. No. 12, and the parties briefed the matter in accordance with General Order 18, which provides that an appeal from the Commissioner's denial of benefits will be treated as if the

¹ On May 1, 2018, the Judicial Conference's Committee on Court Administration and Case Management issued a memorandum that encouraged courts to better protect the privacy of non-governmental parties in Social Security matters by using only the first name and last initial of the claimant in published opinions.

parties have cross-moved for a judgment on the pleadings under Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Dkt. Nos. 17, 22. The matter was later reassigned to this Court. Dkt. No. 23.

On May 5, 2025, Judge Lovric advised by R&R that plaintiff's motion should be granted, that the Commissioner's motion should be denied, that the Commissioner's final decision should be vacated, and that plaintiff's benefits claim should be remanded for further administrative proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. No. 24.

Neither party has lodged objections. The time period in which to do so has expired. See Dkt. No. 24. Upon review for clear error, the R&R is accepted and will be adopted. See FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

Therefore, it is

ORDERED that

- 1. The Report & Recommendation (Dkt. No. 24) is ACCEPTED;
- 2. Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED;
- 3. The Commissioner's motion is DENIED;
- 4. The Commissioner's final decision is VACATED; and
- 5. This matter is REMANDED pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings consistent with this Order and Judge Lovric's R&R.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to terminate the pending motion, enter a judgment accordingly, and close the file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 27, 2025

Utica, New York.